Portage over the Edsviksnäset isthmus

sheltered Sannäsfjorden. metres on good road, easy Distance on land is 1000 portage across the waves by using the winds. Avoid the is downright unsuited so called Bull's Head the Tanumsnäs, the Edsviksnäset, into the fresh southwesterly for small boats during for a kayak trolley. The passage west of Edsvik Sannäs-fjorden

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Sea kayaking and camping in Bohuslän

Part C

from Grebbestad to the Norwegian border

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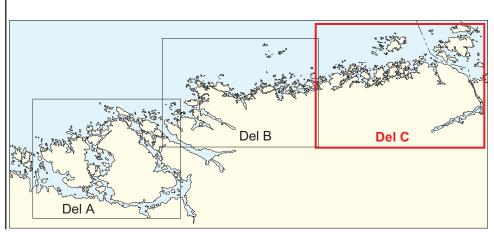
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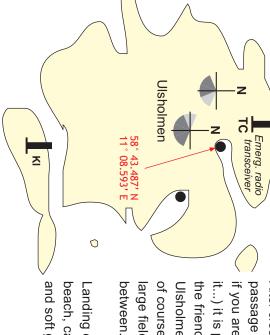
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Ulsholmen



After crossing the infamous passage "Tjurpannan" (or if you are about to cross it...) it is perfect to rest on the friendly and inviting Ulsholmen. Lots of rocks, of course, but suprisingly large fields of grass in between

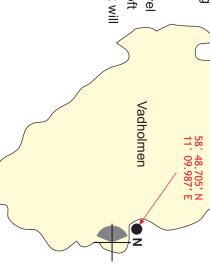
Landing on smooth sand beach, camping on level and soft ground.

Vadholmen

Sometimes you find a useable spot where you least expect it... Vadholmen is such

a surprise place, with an inviting position and good views.

Landing on good sand and gravel beach, camping on level and soft ground. Limited space, one tent will use it all.



Sites for free camping in the area Grebbestad - the Norwegian border (in alphabetical order)

	Ramsökalven	Ramsholmen	Norra Långholmen Kosterfjord	Nord-Hällsö	Lökholmen Kosterfjord	Långeskär Grebbestad	Låddeskär	Lygnholmen Kosterfjord	Lindholmen Kosterfjord	Käften	Krossholmen	Klövskär	Kattholmen	Karholmen Strömstad	Jutholmen	Havstensnäset	Havsten	Burholmen	Bockholmen Koster	Bissen	Arholmen	Amundholmen	Name of the site
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Portage Edsviksnäset	Önholmen	Vanarna	Vadholmen	Ulsholmen	Tångeholmen	Trollholmen	Tjärnö Nyckleby	Tjurholmen	Syd-Långön	Syd-Hällsö	Styrsö Kosterfjord	Stora Tjälleskär	Stora & Lilla Tenholmen	Stora Krossön	Stora Grundskär	Stora Brattskär	Stenholmen	Starholmen	Småholmarna Kosterfjord	Råssö Karholmen	Runnholmen	Rundö	Name of the site
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Legend:



Suitable landing zone, position in lat/long according to WGS 84

Wind shelter indicator

Dark grey zone = Good shelter Light grey zone = Some shelter

This example gives shelter for winds from south, southwest and west. Limited shelter for southeast and northwest, no shelter for other winds

Dry toilet and garbage disposal station

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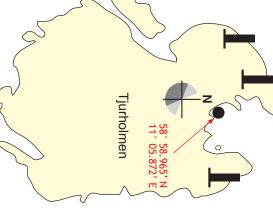
The camping sites selected are all outside the wildlife protection areas as well as nature reserves with camping bans. Further, they are mostly in uninhabitated areas. Free camping is therefore possible with reference to Sweden's Right of Public Access, but also with the limitations imposed by this Right. Many of the sites are on private land, meaning the limitations must be strictly considered. Please read about the Right of Public Access on page 15.

Most sites give wind shelter only for some wind directions. Choose site according to existing and expected wind conditions. See the detail site maps for wind shelter symbols.

Tjurholmen

white sand beach. The view from the especially when you catch sight of the normally leave during the afternoon. Many bathers in the daytime, but they An absolutley irresistible island, top of the island is well worth the walk

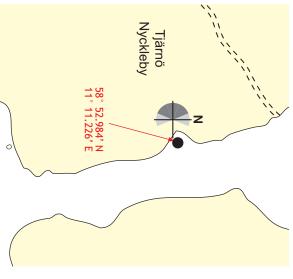
you easily forgive the camping spot for not being entirely smooth and level. The island and the beach are so nice



Гjärnö Nyckleby

entirely on your own. There campsite, where you will be Strömstad is this miniis no space for others! Along the inner route to

storm other hand the shelter for smooth and level. On the camping spot is small, as is a spot to sit out a westerly indicated winds is perfect, this mentioned, and not entirely Good beach for landing. The



Hostels ("vandrarhem")

and similair lodging houses in alphabetical order

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Drinking water

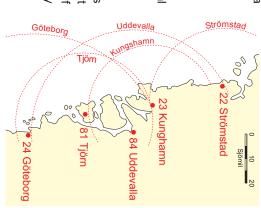
guest harbours. Their quantities can normally be map on page 2 are yacht paying guests, but limited water taps are primary for The places indicated in the had for free

Weather forecasts

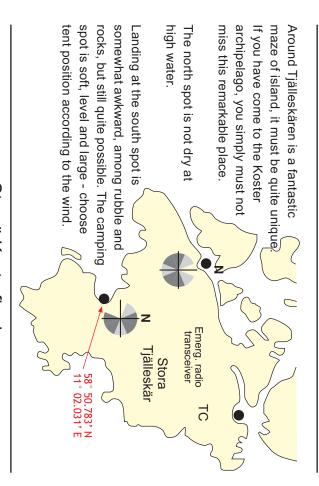
weather forecast twice a day, at 0733 and On the Marine VHF radio you can get a sea +2, in winter UTC +1). 1933 UTC (Local time is in summer UTC

channel 16 a few minutes prior to the actual reading of the forecast. The weather forecast is announced on

a few metres is enough. and their respective channels. Coverage is reception is bad, try higher ground, normally line-of-sight connection, blind spots exist. If very good, but as VHF signals require almost Map shows Stockholm Radio substations



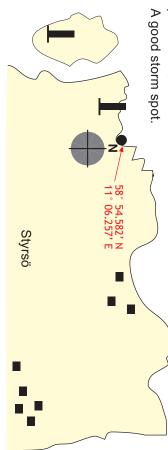
Stora Tjälleskär



Styrsö Kosterfjord

A quiet position in spite of all the houses on the rest of the island. If you are tired of the Spartan camping life, try getting a shower at the pay camping site. They will surely sell you an icecream, anyway.

Landing on good gravel beach. Camping on soft and level ground in the pine forest, with shelter for all winds.



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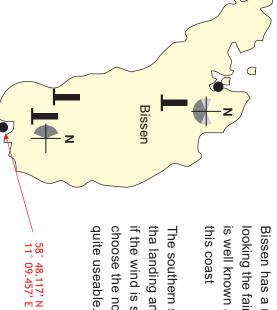
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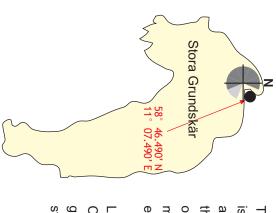
Bissen



Bissen has a nice position, overlooking the fairway. The large mark is well known among navigators of this coast

The southern spot is the best, both tha landing and the camping. But if the wind is souteast or south, choose the northern alternative, quite useable.

Stora Grundskär



edge of the Koster fjord. magnificient position as well, at the southern outside the reserve boundries, with a admittedly the camping ban does complicate is beautiful and worth many visits, but things for us kayakers. Here is an island The large nature reserve Kalvö-Lindö-Trossö

standing tents. grass. Also several flat rocks suited for free-Camping on reasonably smooth and level Landing on mini-beach, sand and gravel.

Stora Krossön

of the most ignominious events in Swedish naval history, took place in 1716. A Danish squadron, under the command of none less than Peder Tordenskiöld, Don't miss the little fjord north of Strömstad. Here the "Debacle of Dynekilen", one

Stora Krossön 58° 59.727' N 11° 10.520' E kayakers.

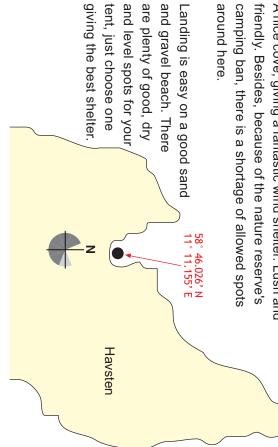
Swedish crews were ashore, drinking at the took a group of Swedish ships by surprise. The drink, they to it thoroughly... local inn. And you know when the Swedes

the Stora Krossön can be used by peaceful (or at least has taken a break), the fjord and As the Danish navy has stopped raiding us

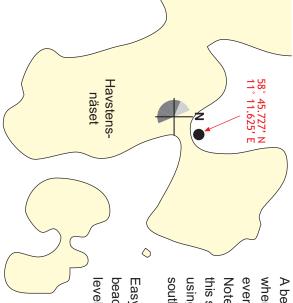
not entirely level spot, but it is quite beach. Camping on a small and Landing on good sand and gravel

Havsten

around here. camping ban, there is a shortage of allowed spots friendly. Besides, because of the nature reserve's A nice cove, giving a fantastic wind shelter. Lush and



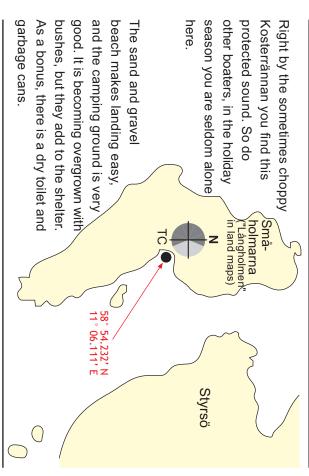
Havstensnäset



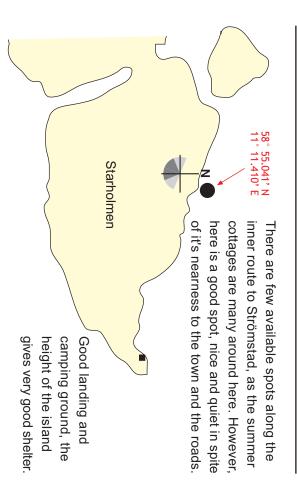
south of the island Havsten using the shallow sounds this spot from the south too Note that you can get to even for a westerly storm where you will find shelter A beautiful low spit of land

Easy landing on sand beach. Camping on dry and level ground. Some droppings from grazing cattle.

Småholmarna Kosterfjord



Starholmen



Make camp fires with great caution

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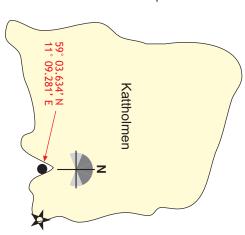
If there is no fire ban and the conditions are right, use existing fire rings or make your fire on the beach, below the high water line. Never make fires on solic rock or on grass.

Kattholmen

As close to Norway as you can get while still being in Sweden. Nicely situated island.

Landing on beach with some rubble The camping ground is somewhat uneven and does have a gradient, but all in all it is OK.

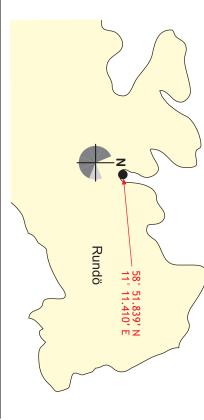
Warning: Risk of heavy swells from passing freighters and tugboats.



Rundö

The beautiful and protected inner fairway to Strömstad is dense with summer cottages, not easy to find an avaiable spot - but here is one!

Easy landing on smooth beach. Camping on soft and level ground, although limited space - hardly more than one tent.



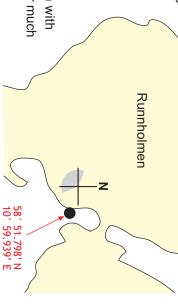
Runnholmen

Runnholmen is connected to Bockholmen, which has an even better camping site. But Runnholmen is fine too, with its position very close to the

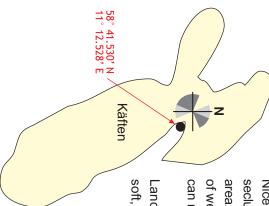
open sea

Landing on good smooth beach, although a bit too shallow at low water. The camping ground is strewn with pebbles and does not offer much

shelter.



Käften

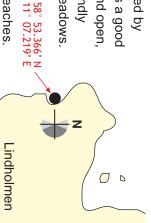


Nicely situated island, giving a chance to secluded camping in the middle of a very popular area. The island is much visited and shows signs of wear, but it is still very good. And the view can niot be worn out...

Landing on good sand beach. Camping on soft, dry and level ground.

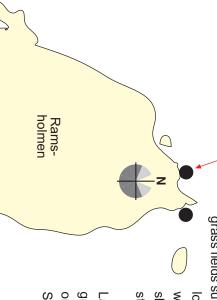
Lindholmen Kosterfjord

The Koster area is characterized by strong contrasts, Lindholmen is a good example. Right by the barren and open, you find these coves, with friendly smooth beaches and green meadows.



Landing on sand and gravel beaches. Camping on soft, dry and level ground in shelter for easterly winds. You can find shelter for other wind directions as well, by going a bit further east on the island.

Ramsholmen



Ramsholmen's northern part consists of large rubble fields, but also large grass fields suited for campimg. Choose

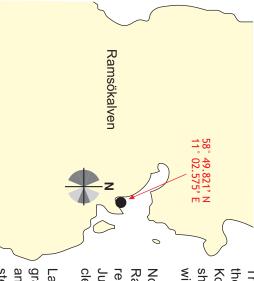
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location according to the wind and you can get shelter for any wind except straight north.

Landing on sand and gravel beaches, camping on dry and level ground.

Space for many tents.

Ramsökalven



This large impressive island in the southeast corner of the Koster archipelago offers good shelter, interesting views and wildlife.

Note that the islets south of Ramsökalven are a seal reserve between May 15 and July 15. You must keep well clear.

Landing on good sand and gravel beach. Camping on soft and level grass sheltered by steep cliffs.

The Right of Public Acess

Sweden's traditional Right of Public Access means that you can freely be in the forests, on waters, islands and other non-cultivated land, even when it is privately owned, as long as you cause no damage or disturbance to people, animals or plants. There are, however, rules and limitations you must obey.

Innocent passage

You can walk in the forest, on an island or other non-cultivated land, but not on cultivated and or someones garden. You can travel on all lakes and the open sea, you can swim in the water unless the opposite is clearly stated.

Wild berries

You can pick wild berries, but not cultivated crops, cultivated fruit or protected species.

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Grass needs to recover after being compressed by a tent. Avoid spots where a tent stood the previous night. Camp as far away from other campers as possible.

Toilets

Use public toilets (f.ex. in the guest harbours) when possible. Use the dry closets you find on many islands (ask us!). If there is no such facility at hand, dig catholes or cover your fecals with rocks.

Consider the **Foot Rule**: Another person should be able to put his/her foot where you just dug a hole, without even noticing. To avoid bad odours at frequently used sites, urinate directly into the sea or below the high water line.

Garbage

Bring back what you brought out! Sort your garbage and leave it at the Recycling Stations, for example at Stockens Camping.

Wild life reserves

Respect the rules in protected areas. N.B. there are bird and seal reserves, which you are not allowed to visit at all during specified seasons (some the entire year), and that this ban include the nearest surrounding waters.

Birds and seals

Watch their behaviour. If they seem aggressive, you are too close.

Stay clear of birds with young chicks, make a distinct detour so they can see you intentions. Some birds, for example swans, get very nervous if you do not leave them a free escape upwind.

If you scare a nesting bird, leave the site immediately, so the bird can return to nest the eggs.

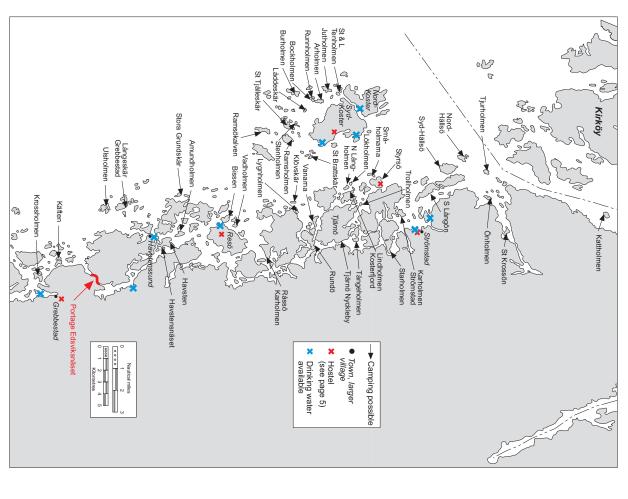
Seals need their hours in the sun, stay well clear and do not paddle straight towards them, avoid sudden moves and loud noice. The harbour seals (the kind we have here) get their pups during the summer, then be even more careful.

Show the animals this consideration even outside their reserves.

The area Grebbestad - the Norwegian border

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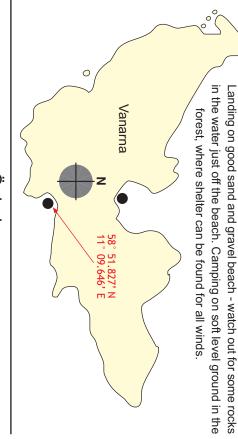
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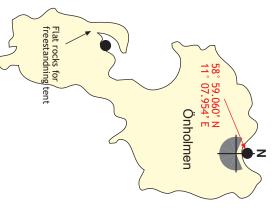
drying in the sun after your morning swim.... has a beautiful forest with good shelter. On top of that lovely flat rocks for This island does not seem inviting at first glance. But that is wrong, the island



Onholmen

there are several nice islands, but not many with good camping grounds. Here is one, though, not large but very In the mouth of the fjord Dynekilen

can pitch a freestanding tent. are some nice flat rocks where you the southwest part of the islands there camping on soft and level grass. On Landing on sand and gravel beach,



Grebbestad - the Norwegian border: Borderline country

Grebbestad to Havstenssund

Around Grebbestad, the Fjällbacka archipelago becomes more narrow, with fewer islands. There is good shelter in the inner fairway and passages, until you are about to pass the so called Tjurpannan ("Bull's fore-head"), the waters near the lighthouse Väcker. Here you have a 2 mile stretch of irregular wave patterns and reflecting waves, quite uncomfortable even at moderate winds. If it is too bad for you, there is the possibility to make a portage across the 1 km wide spit of land Edsviksnäset. There is a good firm road to use, but admittedly the launching in the Sannästjord is somewhat muddy.

There has been plans for a canal through the **Edsviksnäset**, but they died with the decline of the coastal shipping. In later years the plans have been mentioned again, this time to service the pleasure craft. But for now you will have to carry your kayak.

Havstenssund to Strömstad

go all the way to Strömstad in absolute of Tjurpannan, you can get there even if you will not be troubled by fast powerboats. Shallow draught is necessary, which means meandering, partly as if going on a river shelter. These passages are narrow and you can, east of Resö, Råssö and Tjärnö, shelter, especially the innermost. From here without cars. The inner routes provide good island, with lush groves and a good road you made the portage into Sannäsfjorden. At low water, the area **Algöleran** ("the Algö Lindö och Kalvö. These are large, green Havstenssund is the small village just north mud") east of **Råssö** is too shallow even for Here is a most singular area, with the islands

If you choose the outer fariway, you are soon on the **Kosterfjord**, an area which, just

as **Soten** and **Väderöfjorden**, must be shown respect. But once out in the **Koster archipelago** you can find at least wave shelter for all winds. The **Koster archipelago** is particular, concerning navigation, geology and biology. It is filled with shallow rocks and very difficult for ordinary craft. But the daring and those with shallow draught will find many exciting coves and islands to visit The large islands **Sydkoster** and **Nordkoster** house communities, where traditional life centered around fishing is mixed with a growing tourist industry and a large summer house population.

Strömstad to the Norwegian border

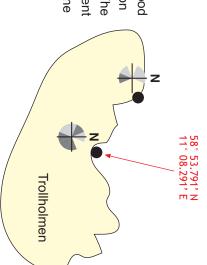
cially on outgoing tides. The water in these well sheltered and can be rather choppy, espefjords. The first of the latter is Dynekilen, a Strömstad are nice archipelagos and sheltered but the journey need not stop there. North of Strömstad is for many the end station on away from the main routes, but well worth mostly a summer village. A piece of Sweden Krokstrand, an old custom station, nowdays and nice. At the bottom of Idefjorden is they earlier were exposed to, now it is clear fjords have recovered well from the pollution border waters with Norway. Säcken is not Säcken, Singlefjorden and Idefjorden, our nature on it's shores and on the numerous fjord of moderate depth and with beautiful their journey through the county of Bohuslän, islands in the fjord's mouth. Then comes

Or why not carry in to the Haldenvass-draget and Dalslands canal, over the lake Vänern and back to Bohuslän? We have done it, and can assure you it can be an exciting tour!

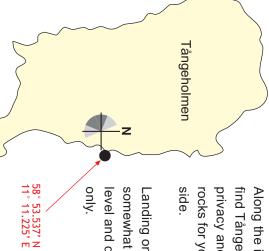
Trollholmen

The trolls have apparently left, the island is nice and inviting in spite of it's unfriendly name. Lovely smooth rocks.

Landing at the east spot on good sand beach, camping there on large, dry and level ground. The west spot is very small, one tent only, and landing with only one



Tångeholmen

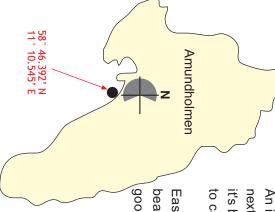


Along the inner route to Strömstad you find Tångeholmen, where you can find privacy and not disturbing others. Nice rocks for your afternoon swim on the west side

Landing on sand and gravel, at low water somewhat muddy. Camping on resonably level and dry ground, space for one tent only.

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Amundholmen



it's boundaries, meaning you are allowed next to a large nature reserve, but is outside to camp here. An island with a very varied terrain. Lies

beach. Dry and level camping ground in Easy landin on good sand and gravel

good shelter.

Arholmen

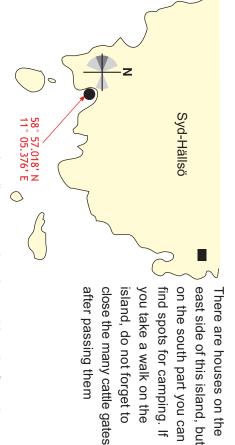
advantages too, for example the dry toilet with garbage cans. Ususally you pleasure craft, but that means can find privacy here anyway... Arholmen is much used by other

ground. camping on reasonably level and dry Landing on sand and gravel beach,

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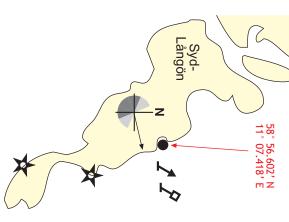
Arholmen

Syd-Hällsö



defined steep rock reasonably level grass in the shelter of a well Landing on sand and gravel beach. Camping on

Syd-Långön



alternative. makes Syd-Långön an attractice Good shelter and a suitable position

can make the landowner happy again? broken chain of well-behaved kayakers people using the site. Maybe an unbeer-drinking and garbage-leaving there has been many noisy groups of not too happy about campers. Probably The words goes that the landowner is

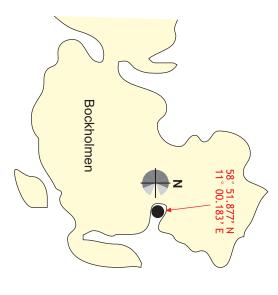
ground. camping on dry, smooth and level Landing on very nice sand beach,

Bockholmen Koster

Tents not allowed between 1000 and 1800 hrs during the period July 1 to August 15.

The camping site benefits from the height of the island.

Good sand beach for landing Dry, level and inviting camping ground. Shelter for all winds except easterly.



Burholmen

Burholmen lies at the outer edge of the Koster archipelago, as a last outpost of green vegetation.

Dramatic scenery but also large friendly meadows.

Tents not allowed between 1000 and 1800 hrs during the period July 1 to August 15.

Landing on small but sufficient sand beach, camping on dry and level grass. Dry toilet

Bring your garbage back

Bring back what you carried out! Leave your garbage at public disposal stations, for example in the guest harbours along the coast.

A good idea is to pack in a "garbage-lean" way: Move your foodstuffs to your own reuseable containers

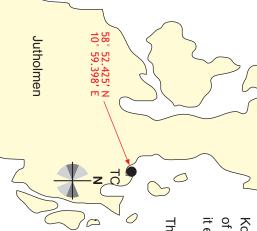
Stora & Lilla Tenholmen

Stora Tenholmen August 15 between 1000 and Tents not allowed period July 1 to 1800 hrs during the period July 1 to August 15., Lilla Tenholmen Tents not allowed between 1000 and 1800 hrs during the ususally leave in the afternoon. beaches. Lots of bathers in the daytime, but they are these islands, with friendly and inviting sand Just near the southern entrance to the Koster sound Lots of sand for landing, at space on Stora grounds on both and level camping arrow points . Dry where the red low water it is best best and most islands, although Tenholmen.

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an extra bonus

Jutholmen



One of the most popular islands in the Koster archipelago, but there is planty of space, so kayakers can normally use it even during holiday season.

The most westerly camp site in our book!

Landing is OK or easy, depending on the water level. Camping ground is reasonably good, level but with some rocks. Smoother spot (but with a gradient) just west of the dry closet, near the landing spot.

Karholmen Strömstad

The steep terrain around the town
Strömstad means you can find
secluded camping sites in spite of the
nearness to the town. Here is such a
good and quiet spot.

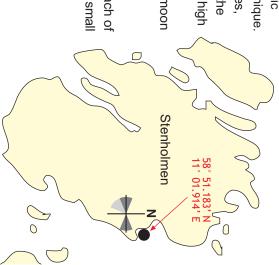
Landing on sand and gravel beach, camping on soft, dry and level ground, although not space for more than one tent.



Stenholmen

Around Tjälleskären is a fantastic maze of island, it must be quite unique. Here are several mini camp sites, small spots of grass very near the water, some of them too low at high water. But during summer high pressures and around the half moon you can use spots like this one

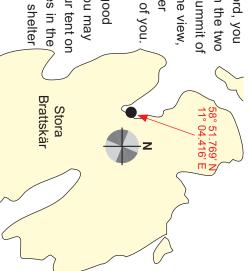
Landing on reasonably firm beach of sand and mud. Camping on very small but soft and usually dry grass.



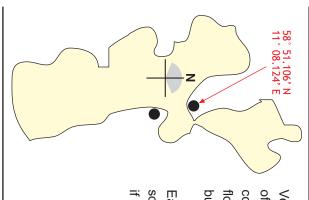
Stora Brattskär

After crossing the Koster fjord, you often make first contact with the two Brattskären. Go up on the summit of Stora Brattskär and enjoy the view, you can see the entire Koster archipelago laid out in front of you.

Uncomplicated landing on good sand beach, at low water you may have to carry a bit. Pitch your tent on one of the largest grass sites in the Koster archipelago, in good shelter for most winds.



Klövskär



Very beautiful little island, right on the edge of the open Koster fjord. The softly curved cove in the north is very inviting, so is the flower-strewn grass spot. The shelter is lousy, but all nights are not storm nights.

Easy landing on sand beach. Camping on soft, dry and level grass, but with little shelter, if any.

Krossholmen

Yes, it is close to the town of Grebbestad, but sometimes that is just what you need.

The Krossholmen is not a sensational wild nature experience, but more of a practical stop.

Easy landing on sand and gravel beach, camping on soft and level ground

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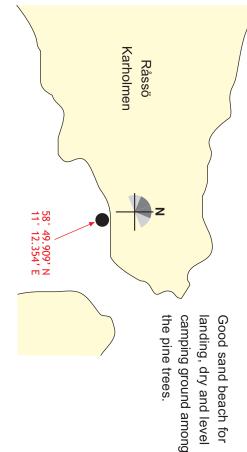
Go to the toilet

Use public toilets (f.ex. in the guest harbours) when possible. Use the dry closets you find on many islands (ask us!). If there is no such facility at hand, dig catholes or cover your fecals with rocks.

Consider the **Foot Rule**: Another person should be able to put his/her foot where you just dug a hole, without even noticing. To avoid bad odours at frequently used sites, urinate directly into the sea or below the high water line.

Råssö Karholmen

Råssö has many houses, but here and there you can find a free spot. Here is such a possibilty. Many bathers in the daytime, but they ususally leave in the afternoon.



Lygnholmen Kosterfjord

Right off Råssö is this friendly and inviting island, with beautiful beaches and steep rocks. The island is very popular among bathers, but towards the evening, not many remain...

Landing on good beaches, camping on dry and smooth grass. The easterly site does have a bit of a gradient.

Lygnholmen

Snallow

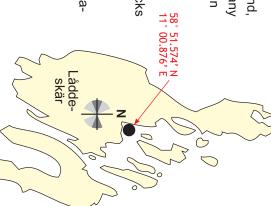
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Låddeskär

In the centre of the south of the Koster archipelago is Låddeskär, a barren island, at first not easily liked. But that keeps many other boaters away, so we kayakers can have the island to ourselves.

You must paddle through the curved sound just east of the camp site, the rocks are unbelievable!

The rock landing is not without complications, but quite possible. The camping ground is OK if is has not rained much lately - in such case it can be a bit wet.



Your own site

Please let us know if you find a good place. Every published new spot is awarded.

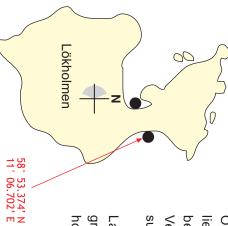
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Långeskär Grebbestad

of Grebbestad. As with quite sufficient. not the best, but ususally many islands situated is how it feels coming to Langeskar, west there's a light spot and some green! That far out, the wind shelter is Granite, granite, just granite - no, wait, Långeskä ° 44.306' N ° 08.353' E

spot. simple and small but dry and level grass Good sand beach for landing, camping on

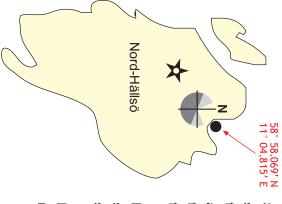
Lökholmen Kosterfjord



summer, many nights are very quiet beaches and soft rocks for sunbathing lies this nice little island, with inviting On the edge of the open Koster fjord Very limited wind shelter, but in the

gravel. Camping on dry and level grass however with very little shelter. Landing on good beaches of sand and

Nord-Hällsö



ahead... Nord-Hällsö lies very close to side, Norge and the Hvaler islands on Sweden and the Koster islands on one fantastic view from it's summit. the national border and gives you a the other, the whole ocean staright

soft and level. sand. Camping ground just near by, dry, Landing on a lovely beach with white

most beautiful islands! Nord-Hällsö is a gem, simply one of our

Norra Långholmen

grass, but with limited wind gravel beach, camping on a far from perfect shelter edge of the Koster fjord lies Norshelter. but with beautiful scenery ra Längholmen, an island with reasonably smooth and level Landing on good sand and Nicely situated on the eastern Långholmen Norra 58° 53.169' N 11° 07.079' E